1	2	3
25.	Tamil Nadu*	7.14
26.	Tripura	2.95
27.	Uttar Pradesh	106.79
28.	Uttaranchal	4.98
29.	West Bengal**	47.30
30.	A&N Islands	0.15
31.	Chandigarh	0.07
32.	D&N Haveli	0.16
33.	Daman & Diu	0.05
34.	Lakshdweep	0.01
35.	Pondicherry	0.96
	TOTAL	815.84

Note: * Separate figures of BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorization of APL/BPL in the State. The State Government has issued 7.14 lakh cards under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana.

** Government of West Bengal has issued individual ration cards. Five individual ration cards have been taken as one family card.

Increase on prices of essential commodities

532. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the prices of essential commodities in the market as a result of rise in prices of petrol, diesel and cooking gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check the rise which has hit the common man hard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the percentage variations in the

movement of Wholesale Price Index in respect of the 14 essential commodities during the period between 12.6.2004 (pre-hike) and 26.6.2004 (post-hike) is given in the Statement (See below). As evident from the statement, the recent increase in the petrol, diesel and LPG prices have not made any impact of the prices on the 14 essential commodities. However, the hike in diesel prices have a cascading effect, which is likely to contribute to increases in the retail prices of various commodities in different parts of the country.

(c) The retail prices on daily basis and wholesale prices on weekly basis are monitored continuously on the basis of the price data received from the State Governments. The price situation is also monitored regularly by the High Powered Price Monitoring Board.

Statement

Percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of Selected Essential Commodities during the period between 12.6.2004 and 26.6.2004

Commodity	Percentage Variation
Rice	0.0
Wheat	0.1
Atta	0.0
Gram Dal	-0.1
Arhar Dal	0.8
Potato	3.0
Onion	0.0
Milk	0.0
Tea	0.7
Sugar	0.1
Salt	1.5
Vanaspati	-0.4
Mustard Oil	0.5
Groundnut Oil	0.4
All Commodities	0.7